Third Member of Council.—

We shall enquire. We shall make a survey and see if the project is really advantageous.

Mr. Dyavappagowda.—

Will a survey be undertaken soon?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall see.

MR. K. A. RAHIM (Belur Taluk).—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether people of Hulikere in Halebid Hobli, Belur Taluk, deposited Rs. 500 as contribution to repair a *Kalyani* (well)?

(*b*) If so, in what year?

(*c*) What action has been taken for its repairs?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—3. (*a*) and (*b*) The villagers have contributed Rs. 414-1-9 for the Kalyani on the dates noted below:—

Rs. 370-10-0 on 16th April 1909.

Rs. 43-7-9 on 12th July 1910.

(*c*) A report has been called for in the matter.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. K. A. Rahim.—

It is nearly 20 years since the contribution was paid by the people for effecting repairs to a Kalyani in Hulikere. But, from the answer furnished, I am to understand that no action has been taken by Government in regard to repairs. Is it so?

Dewan.—

A report has been called for in the matter.

Mr. K. A. Rahim.—

When the contribution had been paid, adequate arrangements ought to have been made for effecting repairs.

Second Member of Council.—

Will be done.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

I want to know why no repairs were effected even though the required contribution had been paid?

Second Member of Council.—

We do not know.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

When was the report called for? Was it before or after receiving the interpellation?

Second Member of Council.—

After.

Mr. B. P Basappa Setty.—

Does not this mean that even though the required contribution had been paid, the repair work was not taken up?

Second Member of Council.—

Till the report is received, nothing can be said.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Within what period do Government undertake the work of repairing?

General Secretary, to Government.—

That cannot be settled till the report is received.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Will proper steps be taken to put the work on hand at once?

Second Member of Council —

Will be considered.

Captain Y. V. Ayya.—

Is the well-water meant for drinking or for agriculture purposes?

Second Member of Council.—

It is a *Kalyani* and so the water is used for drinking purposes.

Mr. H. B. Gnndappa Gowda.—

Have the Government any records to show that the contribution was paid by the people of Hulikere?

Second Member of Council.—

It is only after going through the records that answers have been furnished.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

Then, why were no repairs effected till now?

Second Member of Council.—

We will consider the matter after the report is received.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

What is the reason for the delay in not taking action?

Second Member of Council.—

The information required to furnish a reply to you is one thing and the information required on the whole matter, that is, in regard to delay, the responsibility for the delay, whether there is any estimate for the work or not, etc., is quite a different thing.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

As instances of such kinds of delay are increasing, will proper explanation be taken from the officers concerned?

Second Member of Council.—

I do not accept that there are many instances of this kind. But an enquiry in the persent case will be made.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

Is it not wrong on the part of Government to have delayed the repairing work, especially after the contribution was paid by the people?

Second Member of Council.—

The matter will be looked into, after receiving the report, as already stated by me.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

But, is it not their mistake in not taking action earlier and thus causing delay?

Second Member of Council.—

It may be that the delay may not be condonable. But, I do not think there are many instances of such sort.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

I am sure there are many instances like these.

Second Member of Council.—

If so, please bring them to my notice.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA *alias* GUNDAPPA GOWDA (Hassan Taluk).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When the appointments of Prosecuting Forest Range Officers were made?

(*b*) How many Prosecuting Range Officers are there?

(*c*) What is the number of cases disposed of by them and the number of forest cases pending disposal?

(*d*) What is the amount thus far spent over them by way of travelling allowance?

(*e*) What were the special reasons for appointing these officers?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—6. (*a*) From the 15th November 1928.

(*b*) One

(*c*) Up to the end of April 1930—

Disposed of	..	45
Pending	..	24

In addition to this, the Range Officer is entrusted with work relating to institution of appeals, revision applications and defence of suits against the Forest Department.

(*d*) Rs. 1,753-6-0.

(*e*) The conduct of cases of forest offences by the ordinary staff was not considered satisfactory. These cases require special study and attention. In the interests of revenue and for the proper presentation of cases this appointment was made.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

How many Prosecuting Range Inspectors are there?